

Dear Mr. Mooring,

I will not be able to attend the meeting next week to discuss possible measures to control the speed on Lincoln Ave. and would like to make my feelings known to you in the hope that you will consider them in your discussion.

I am concerned that there was such intense opposition to the proposals to reroute traffic to make Lincoln and Sunset safer for the residents. I think that a lot of the opposition was not from people in the neighborhood but rather those people from out of the immediate area who work at UMass and don't want their high-speed alternative to N. Pleasant St. taken away. I still don't understand why they can't use University Dr. It even has the word "university" in its name. But if that idea is no longer being considered, I want to lend my support to speed-bumps, speed-tables, or anything else that will have the effect of reducing speed. (I am writing this from the front room of my house on Lincoln and see cars continuously racing by.) The speed bumps should be designed to make it impossible to get around the devices and avoid slowing.

At this time, the only speed control devices in place are a number of particularly bad potholes, which brings me to the second reason for writing. I want to request that Lincoln be repaired this Spring. Some of the idiots who race down Lincoln swerve to avoid these potholes and I fear that something tragic may happen. It may require a tragedy to get the town to take the problems of speed and road condition seriously but I hope that is not the case. I don't know of another street that is in such bad shape and is also the conduit for so much traffic.

I also think that Sunset should be included in the repairs. It is in bad condition and, in spite of the view held by a number of people that the residents of Lincoln only care about Lincoln, that is not true. We have a neighborhoodwide view of traffic issues and I think that Sunset is part of this.

Thank you for your consideration,
David Sloviter